

March 18, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:00 PM at the 113 South Fourth Street location with Stephanie Towles, Vice President, presiding.

Present: Ernie Schlegel, Frank Kasprowicz, Heather Hanna, Stephanie Towles, Robin Costenbader-Jacobson, Justin Bodor, Paul Hoh, Johanny Cepeda, Greg Knies, Jonathan Zeigler, Henriette Alban

Absent: Renee Dietrich, Ryan Breisch; both were excused.

Guests: Kate Thornton

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Hoh to approve the February minutes after correction to show the NE gutter had not been fixed. Seconded by Ernie Schlegel. Approved

Treasurer's Report: Administrative Coordinator to follow up with Mike Najarian regarding WAN refund.

Motion was made by Ernie Schlegel to accept the Treasurer's Report, Seconded by Henriette Alban. Accepted.

Director's Report: Copies of the Director's Report were made available along with additional handouts. Frank Kasprowicz met with another interested buyer for the bookmobile.

Library Services: No Report

Facilities: Bids for branches are going out in hopes that work will be completed before the Summer Reading Program. The next meeting regarding the renovations at Main is April 2, 2013. The projected start date is late summer and could extend for five to seven months. At this time the roof will not be replaced but will be checked to see if repair can be done. Dates for pressure washing are still to be determined.

Motion made by Ernie Schlegel to have the Board President write correspondence to the Foundation President, Ken Haupt, requesting funding for pressure washing as was previously discussed. Seconded by Henriette Alban. Approved.

The Foundation building renovations will be starting in April. Once renovations begin all board meetings will be held at either Northeast or Southeast until completed.

Finance: No Report

Personnel: No Report

Development: A report of activities was supplied by Kate Thornton. An update on Cocktails and Classics was provided. We are still in need of silent auction items. Board members were asked to donate a bottle of wine for the event. The library hosted Bennie Sims for Jazz Fest and had a good turnout. David Cullen will be performing next week. A display case has been found for displaying artifacts, but needs some work. A political breakfast with Thomas Caltigarone is being planned for some time in April or May.

Strategic Planning: Report given by Paul Hoh. The five year plan is still a work in progress.

Unfinished Business: The topic of library theft was discussed. Justin Bodor provided a copy of the Pennsylvania statute.

New Business: No new business was entertained.

Motion to adjourn by Heather Hanna and seconded by Ernie Schlegel. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Henriette Alban Acting Secretary